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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	24,735
Registrar General's Estimate of Population	6,750
Number of inhabited houses	2,221
Rateable value	£189,530
Net product of new penny rate	£ 1,707

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	38	35	73
Illegitimate	4	3	7
Still Births - Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Rate for District

Rate for England
and Wales 1971

	<u>Crude</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	
Live Birth Rate	11.9	14.2	16.0
Death Rate	10.1	7.6	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births		13.0	18.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-
do. Stomach	1	1
do. Intestine	-	1
do. Larynx	1	-
do. Lung, Bronchus	1	-
do. Breast	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	3
Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	3
Pneumonia	3	2
Bronchitis & Emphysema	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	-	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-
Syntoms & Ill Defined Conditions	-	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-
All Other Accidents	-	1
	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year

Disease	Under 1	<u>1</u> 2	<u>2</u> 3	<u>3</u> 4	<u>4</u> 5	<u>5</u> 10	<u>10</u> 15	<u>15</u> 25	<u>25</u> 35	<u>35</u> 45	<u>45</u> 64	<u>65 &</u> over	Age unknown
Measles	1	2	2	7	7	3	6	4	-	-	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1971

No new cases were reported during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

Supply

Sources of supply for the district remained unchanged as follows:

(a) Leicester Corporation's Welland Valley borehole to the parishes of:

Uppingham
Lyddington
Thorpe by Water
Ayston
Bisbrooke
Soaton
Stoke Dry
Glaston

(b) Leicester Corporation's River Dove Source to the parishes of:

North Luffenham
South Luffenham
Morcott
Wing
Preston
Ridlington
Pilton
Belton

(c) Oundle & Thrapston R.D.C's. borehole at Tixover (bulk supply to the parish of Barrowden).

(d) Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board to the parish of Caldecott.

(e) Two small parishes are without public main supply, i.e. Wardley (population 22) and Beaumont Chase (population 6). At Wardley a good piped supply is available from a private estate.

Quantity & Quality

No centre of population in the district (excepting Wardley adequately supplied privately) is without public mains supply. Only a few isolated properties are outside the range of water mains. None of the mains supplies have plumbo-solvent characteristics.

The City of Leicester Water Department and the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board have their own arrangements for sampling and examination of water supplies and routine duplicate sampling is considered unnecessary.

Water Sampling

The number of wells used for supply of drinking water is small and, due to the requirements of work in other directions, no samples were taken from them during the year.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district. Uppingham School has its own swimming bath for the use of the boys and staff and the public are admitted at certain times.

Name of Parish	Supplied by Mains Water Direct		Supplied by Standpipe	
	Houses	Estimated Population.	Houses	Estimated Population
Ayston	15	46	-	-
Barrowden	127	392	-	-
Belton	99	299	2	6
Bisbrooke	62	188	-	-
Caldecott	92	282	-	-
Glaston	59	178	-	-
Luffenham, North	180	482	2	6
Luffenham, South	120	342	-	-
Lyddington	127	377	-	-
Morcott	111	344	1	3
Pilton	8	20	-	-
Preston	77	231	-	-
Ridlington	62	192	-	-
Seaton	56	174	-	-
Stoke Dry	12	37	-	-
Thorpe-by-Water	13	39	-	-
Uppingham	901	2817	-	-
Wing	100	310	-	-
Totals	2221	6750	5	15

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The sewered villages are:

Barrowden
 Belton
 Bisbrooke
 Caldecott
 Glaston
 Luffenham, North
 Luffenham, South
 Lyddington
 Morcott
 Preston (parts of)
 Ridlington
 Uppingham and
 Wing

The sewered villages include 95% of the population of the district. Schemes are being prepared for three villages - Ayston, Seaton and the remainder of Preston. When the schemes are complete only about 2% of the population will be outside the sewered areas.

The surface aeration works at Uppingham produced a generally satisfactory effluent during the year. This works requires an excessive amount of technical management, is very susceptible to upset by surface water infiltration and climatic changes and is without general electrical and mechanical standby equipment.

The Council have continued to exercise compulsory closet conversion powers. The estimated closet accommodation for dwellings at the end of the year was

Pail Closets	23
Water Closets	2198

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly refuse collection service was introduced during the year and has been generally successful despite staffing difficulties. Although restriction of public access to the tip has helped control, the latter is still difficult. It is uneconomic to have available daily on such a small tip the equipment and labour necessary for fully controlled tipping.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The specialist contractors appointed to do this work were efficient and dealt with complaints quickly and effectively.

The number of complaints of pests received was	41
The number of visits paid to premises was	100

A 10% test bait of sewered villages was carried out and a small follow-up treatment was necessary. In no case was a surface to sewer infestation found. There were 128 visits for sewer baiting.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Particulars given here are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in the report

Total number of complaints received	57
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	31

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of re-visits</u>
Water supplies	-	-
Milk supplies	-	-
Dwellinghouses	51	32
Tents, vans, etc.	12	-
Food premises	55	25
Offensive trades	-	-
Factories & Workshops	14	-
Drainage systems	126	9
Sewage plant	17	330
Slaughterhouses	1	124
Meat & Foods	162	-
Infectious Disease	-	-
Refuse collection and disposal	75	211
Offices and Shops	16	-
Miscellaneous	25	6
Farm premises	-	-
Pests	47	103
	<u>601</u>	<u>840</u>

NOTICES

Preliminary

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Others</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1971	1	Nil
Issued during the year	5	5
Complied with during the year	3	4
Statutory action necessary	1	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1971	2	1

Statutory

Outstanding on 1st January, 1971	-	-
Issued during the year	1	-
Complied with during the year	-	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1971	1	-

HOUSING

Grant-aided improvements continued to make a most effective contribution towards modernisation and saving houses from demolition or closure but the supply of unimproved houses now shows signs of giving out. There was also a marked interest shown in the conversion of properties, including buildings not previously used as dwellings.

The following table shows the grant-aided work carried out in 1971

Dwelling Units	<u>"standard"</u>		<u>"Discretionary"</u>	
	owner-occupied	Tenanted	Owner-occupied	Tenanted
Approved	8	3	13	17
Completed	6	7	27	12

The number of unfit houses demolished during the year	Nil
The number of unfit houses closed during the year	Nil
The number of unfit houses made fit after formal action	Nil
The number of unfit houses remedied as a result of informal L.A. action	20
The number of new private dwellings completed	11
The number of new private dwellings under construction at the end of the year	24
The number of Council dwellings completed	4
The number of Council dwellings under construction at the end of the year	11

More dwellings for old people are still needed.

At the end of the year the number of applicants for accommodation on the Council's list approximated 160. Forty-five applications were from persons outside the district.

FOOD

Milk

Routine milk sampling was not done, due to pressure of duties in other directions.

Meat & Foods

One small slaughterhouses continued in use and 100% meat inspection for the year was carried out.

Carcases inspected

Animals	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	194	Nil	3	667	358	Nil
Number Inspected	194	Nil	3	667	358	Nil

Amount Rejected (Percentage)

Rejected	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases or parts of carcasses	Nil	1/6th	Nil
Organs	3%	1%	2%
Stomachs & Intestines	Nil	Nil	Nil

Most of the organs condemned had parasitic infestations or abscesses.

146 packs of frozen foods were condemned following failures of freezing apparatus.

Food Premises

1. No. of premises by type of business

Bakehouses	1
Dairies	1
Butchers' Shops	7
Hotels, Cafes and Inns Serving food	11
Grocers' Shops (including Greengrocers, etc.)	34
Fish, fried	1
Fish, fresh	1
Premises for sale of ice-cream	27

Note: Certain premises are automatically included under more than one sub-heading, e.g. Cafes and Ice-Cream premises.

2. No. of Food Premises registered under section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream	27
Others	5

3. No. Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.

1

4. No. of inspections of registered Food Premises

24

5. Method of disposal of condemned food

Burnt or buried at the Council refuse tip.

6. Examination of food consignments

Nil

7. Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was necessary during the year.

A P P E N D I X

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purpose of provision as to Health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	3	3	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	14	9	-	-
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority excluding out- workers premises	1	-	-	-
	18	12	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Nil

